

Brand History:
GENERAL VALVE®
Plug Valves

Originally established in 1929 as the General Valve Service Co., founder Joseph Heinen first came up with the idea to start his own valve company while repairing valves in the oil fields of the Los Angeles Basin, where he continually encountered valves failing due to seal scoring (or, the scratching of the seal due to small particulates in the stream flow). In September 1952, Heinen was granted a patent for his improved plug valve, employing perpendicular expansion/contraction seating segments, which he stated to have “no rubbing action to cause scoring of the parts relied upon for sealing engagement.” Thus, the ancestor of Cameron’s current Twin Seal™ valve was born.

With the origination of the Twin Seal early on, General Valve Service Co. essentially enjoyed full reign in that market segment for decades as the only major supplier of double block-and-bleed plug valves. There were no secrets to the valve’s early success. It simply performed well, and its consistent performance is what led to the strong brand name and the valve’s current market leader status.

Cameron purchased General Valve Service Co. under the acquisition of the PCC Flow Technologies segment of Precision Castparts Corp. in November 2004. Cameron’s commitment to enhance its registered GENERAL VALVE® brand’s valve has helped the Twin Seal remain a model of choice for multiproduct storage terminal and aviation fueling applications.

Today, the brand offers a full product line of fire-safe plug and diverter valves for a variety of applications maintained by global aftermarket support through Cameron’s CAMSERV™ services.